

Annual Potluck Dinner and Meeting of the Hartland Historical Society
May 2012 at the Hartland United Methodist Church

Minutes of the Hartland Historical Society recorded and transcribed by Janet Wilkinson Frick.

Presiding: Hildy Foley

Board Members Present: Barbara Krueger, Janet Wilkinson Frick, Michael Forster, Diana Wells

2011 Secretary's Report Read by Janet Frick, Motion for acceptance made by Barbara Krueger, seconded by Donna Bulloch, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Given by Barbara Krueger who recently became Treasurer in place of Shyrl Cone

Transitioning between financial computer programs is taking place. A new program is being written.

The mid-April Balance was \$8,038, May is not yet available, and since that time we've had \$255 in dues, not counting anyone who paid tonight, \$330 donations from those who paid their dues, and then another \$120 from the Hartland Women's Club which was fantastic. We now have \$8743 in income. During the time that the museum was under construction the utility bills were non-existent and we only started having utility bills as of last month. Between Consumer Power and paying the township for the sewer that is about \$150 dollars a month. To send our newsletters out quarterly is about \$160 each quarter which includes the printing and postage. New seasonal flowers in front of the building cost about \$70. The regular bank account right now is about \$8,423. However in the savings account we have \$15,495. We will have to dip into the savings account, no doubt, to pay for having the doors redone. I want to tell you about the Gala, as several of you went to that. Our net was \$1457. Our expenses were about \$3,000. Total income was about \$4400. If anyone wants more particulars about where the money went I have that. I was at a conference in Flint last weekend and just accidentally happened to hear about a program which is online, shopformuseums.com. It's a free program where museums can enroll and register and if you decide you are going to buy something online, like Amazon, Staple, Joann's, Target. If you're going to order something and once we get the particulars we will send that out to everybody. There are at least 50 museums in Michigan which are already enrolled in this program and it's anywhere from 2 to 7% of what you spend that is donated to the museum on a quarterly basis. Of course you have to specify which museum you want. It sounds like it's almost too good to be true, yet a lot of well known museums have already signed up for this. There are letters of recommendation. Two people from a museum in Midland said that they highly recommended it. People that don't normally come to a museum-this is a way they can support their local community.

Hildy: called for questions. A question was asked by Phil MacBride, who was referred to Diana Wells. A motion was made by Shyrl Cone that the Treasurer's report be approved and seconded, motion carried.

Tom Parshall's Resignation Letter

Hildy read Tom Pars hall's letter of resignation regarding stepping down as President of the Hartland Historical Society. He described his participation as being an honor and a privilege and felt that this would be the opening of a new chapter in the ongoing progress of the Hartland Historical Society and Museum.

Museum Update

We've been open since last May, on a regular basis. During the summer months we were open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 and during the winter months from 1:00 to 3:00 on Sundays only. There are two things that we want to get done this summer; our front doors and closets in the upper room where we have our artifacts stored. Ann Dearing, Florence's daughter gave us \$4,000 toward the doors. With that and the money we have we feel we can afford to get the doors done this summer and the closets. Yet, unfortunately we need more money. Money is always an important part of our organization. The main part of the building needs to be insulated and the exterior needs to be painted. This is money that we need to raise during the next year or two to get these things done. We will continue to have fund raisers. We had Gala in February and another next February. We will have an ice cream social in July. We participate in Heritage Day and we'll have a potluck dinner in November. So one of the things we're going to do tonight is have a 50/50 rally to raise money for our building fund. The tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 a piece. Are there any questions about the building?

Question: Who is going to do the work for us? Hildy: If anyone wants to give bids, we need the bids by this coming Memorial Day.

Election of Officers

Three officers are running for re-election, they are Barbara Janet, and Michael. We have one vacancy and Bill McDevitt will run for that. Are there any nominations from the floor? Barbara Krueger: I would like to nominate Hildy Foley to take over for Tom Parshall in light of his resignation. Can I do that now? Hildy: We can do that later at the meeting afterwards. We have four people running for four positions. Are there any other nominations from the floor? If not, we'll close and will the four candidates please stand: Barbara, Janet, Michael and Bill. (Audience clapping) Is there a motion? It was moved by Dick Krueger and seconded by John Wiese, and motion carried that the slate be accepted as given.

Special Thank You to Individuals for Their Help During the Past Year

Hildy: Without the help of the docents we could not keep the museum open. First of all, to Barbara Krueger who has been a tremendous help. Bill McDevitt, the two of them help us keep the museum open every Sunday. Bob Ruby, Jan Frick, Margaret Melville. I think they deserve a hand for all the wonderful help they have given. (Applause) Scott Kulsavage has done a lot of work with the flower gardens at the museum. He did a lot of work. Other than that is there any business that we need to bring up tonight? We have our State Representative here tonight, Cindy Denby. Would you like to say a few words Cindy? Cindy spoke briefly of her support of the Hartland Museum, which has pictures of her grandparents. She spoke of the benefits of preserving our history for coming generations and gave a thank you for being invited.

Hildy closed by requesting that the membership be thinking of ideas for future fundraisers, and stating again how much everyone's help is needed to achieve our goals and to help with the museum. We would really like to get our membership more involved than they are right now.

We will now have the motion to adjourn, the 50/50 and our guest speaker. The motion was made by Dick Krueger, seconded by Phil MacBride and carried, that the meeting be adjourned.